

the Polish American Journal is a familiar voice in these halls. It was this publication that gave us firsthand accounts of a war-ravaged Poland and the plight of the Poles who were forced to live behind the Iron Curtain. During that period, the Journal became the most quoted ethnic newspaper in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, as its headlines were cited by many of our former colleagues and their constituents.

Since that time, the Polish American Journal has fought hard to see freedom restored in Poland, a dream that was realized with the election of Lech Walesa to Poland's presidency.

While the Polish American Journal has demonstrated its role as a voice for Poland here in the United States, it more importantly serves as witness to the countless contributions Americans of Polish descent make to the United States. From Revolutionary War heroes Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski to World War II flying ace Col. Francis Gabreski and the highly decorated late Col. Matt Urban, Poles and Polish-Americans have long demonstrated their deep commitment to America's liberty.

The pages of the Polish American Journal are a record of the achievements of Polish-Americans in all fields, from academia and politics to science and the arts. This gives all citizens of the United States a deeper understanding and respect for the lives of the sons and daughters of self-sacrificing immigrants whose stories proudly shine in the colorful ethnic mosaic we call America.

Since its founding, the Polish American Journal has been dedicated to the promotion and continuation of Polish-American culture in the United States, a heritage rich in the joys of the family, church, and country. Its anniversary is a milestone by which all can be proud, for its success mirrors the achievements of all Polish-Americans whose virtues and ethics have contributed to American society.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the paper on its anniversary and commend its staff, writers, contributors, and subscribers who take pride in their economic roots and who willingly share the ideals of their ancestors with Americans of all backgrounds.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SCHROEDER OF COLORADO AND REPRESENTATIVE CARDISS COLLINS OF ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 1996

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add voice to those who want to recognize two wonderful public servants and truly special people, my colleagues PAT SCHROEDER and CARDISS COLLINS. It has been an honor for me to serve with these two distinguished Members, who have worked hard to help the people of Colorado, Illinois, and the United States. Their dedication, passion, and commitment to the betterment of our country will be missed.

For 11 terms, Pat Schroeder, my friend from Colorado, has been an active and influential leader on behalf of women's and children's issues, health care, educational opportunity, constitutional rights, and foreign and military policy. In doing so, she has shaped legislation

that has affected every American and has earned the respect of legislators on both sides of the aisle.

By holding strong to her convictions and by keeping an unwavering commitment to help America, PAT SCHROEDER has become one of the best-known Members of this body. To many Americans, PAT SCHROEDER has become synonymous with women's rights, and rightfully so. Allies on important issues are always thankful to have PAT fight on their behalf, while foes on issues fear her powerful voice.

PAT SCHROEDER's legislative accomplishments are countless. Some of her most recent bills that are now law include the Violence Against Women Act, the Economic Equity Act, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Act, the Child Support Responsibility Act, and the National Child Care Protection Act.

PAT SCHROEDER has won recognition from a wide range of groups because of her dedication, including the National Women's Hall of Fame. We'll all remember PAT, though, for some of the every day things she does, like the smiley faces in her signature, the bunny suits and her flair for language and the art of debate. As I told her earlier this year, without PAT we never would have known whether Presidents were Teflon or Velcro, or which hawks were really chickens in disguise.

My colleague from Illinois, CARDISS COLLINS, also has had a most distinguished career of service to her constituents, and significant legislative contributions during her tenure here. Since arriving in 1973, CARDIS COLLINS not only has been a remarkable congresswoman, but has been a leader. CARDISS COLLINS has led the charge on minority, women's, children's, and safety issues. By doing so, she has enhanced equality and helped our Nation become stronger and safer.

I have had the honor to serve with CARDISS on the Commerce Committee, where I was able to witness her hard work and commitment to not only the people of Illinois, but to all Americans.

During her tenure as chair of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness, CARDISS COLLINS was instrumental in enacting the Child Abuse Prevention Act, the Child Safety Protection Act, the Gender Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, and many, many other bills. She also conducted investigations which helped triple the number of child care centers in the General Services Administration.

CARDISS COLLINS' tireless efforts have also resulted in increased safety standards for America's airline passengers, tougher safety standards in the transport of toxic materials, and an increased African-American participation in advertising. She has led a dedicated staff both in the Government Reform Committee, and before that in the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Competitiveness. It was on this panel that Chairwoman COLLINS led hearings on gender equity, insurance redlining, and deceptive practices in the sale of life insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have served with such noble individuals. PAT SCHROEDER and CARDISS COLLINS will not be forgotten. America owes them both a debt of gratitude. I urge all my colleagues to salute PAT and CARDISS for their exceptional accomplishments as Members of the House. They both will be

greatly missed, but I know they will both find great satisfaction in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMEN SCHROEDER AND COLLINS

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 1996

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, when the 105th Congress convenes next year, this body will regrettably be absent two of its most dedicated and distinguished public servants, the Honorable PAT SCHROEDER and the Honorable CARDISS COLLINS. It is with mixed feelings of pleasure and sadness that I rise today in tribute to these two extraordinary leaders.

Congresswoman SCHROEDER and Congresswoman COLLINS have served the Congress longer and with greater dedication than few others. Among women Members, their longevity is virtually unmatched. As co-founders of the Congressional Women's Caucus they have shared in the historic mission of elevating this body's awareness and understanding of legislative issues of greatest concern to women. Both have served selflessly and tirelessly in the struggle for social justice and equality.

PAT SCHROEDER and CARDISS COLLINS represent very different constituencies. Their legislative styles are distinct and they speak in somewhat different voices, but they have consistently spoken in unison on behalf of those who have been traditionally under-represented in the halls of Congress. The achievements of these two legislative giants are too numerous to recount and too phenomenal to address adequately in these few minutes. They each leave a legacy of achievements fulfilled. PAT has performed some miraculous feats as a member of the National Security Committee while CARDISS has left her signature on the business of the Commerce Committee. And both of these great Members of Congress have left her personal imprimatur on issues like health care, education, employment security, environmental protection, consumer safety, and civil rights and humanitarian causes.

These two gentlewomen have made countless personal sacrifices and enormous contributions to this body and to the Nation. No truer advocates of peace, justice, and equality I have known in my 28 years in Congress. Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS acts from the heart and steadfastly nurtures policies of fairness and virtue. Congresswoman PAT SCHROEDER speaks eloquently from her soul and illuminates the path to truth and justice.

Mr. Speaker, the Congresswoman from Denver and the Congresswoman from Chicago have played magnificent roles in redirecting our future. They have moved our Nation closer toward realizing those principles of freedom and equality of which our Nation's founders paid lip service but to which they failed miserably in their shameless defense of racism and sexism. Our Nation and this institution have changed for the better by the dedicated contributions of these exceptional legislators.

Representatives SCHROEDER and COLLINS have demonstrated the kind of faith and dedication that inspire the best in others. I will PAT's humor and I will miss CARDISS' determination, and I will especially miss their generous support and friendship. My memories of

service with PAT SCHROEDER and CARDISS COLLINS are long and fond. I wish them each good health and good fortune as they leave us and move on to new challenges. I know they will continue to spread the faith. May triumph and victory be with them on the path that lies ahead.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF CARDISS COLLINS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 1996

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and highly distinguished colleague, Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS of Illinois' Seventh Congressional District. As the longest serving African-American female in Congress, she has been a true inspiration and mentor to those who have followed in her footsteps. Her legacy, including her tenure as chair of the Subcommittees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness and Government Activities and Transportation, as well as the Congressional Black Caucus, are part of a permanent record that will ensure the importance of her 23 years in the House of Representatives.

Public service has become an important part of CARDISS' life. She honorably stepped in to fill her late husband's, the Honorable George W. Collins, seat when asked and has served faithfully since. Congresswoman COLLINS has truly represented her district throughout the years. Her skillful leadership during her 11 terms will be missed by many.

I would like to take this opportunity to remember some of the important achievements attributed to Representative COLLINS. She has consistently devoted her energy to improving health care for women and minorities. CARDISS spent several years during this decade promoting the research of breast cancer. She sponsored legislation that expanded Medicare coverage for mammography screenings and Medicaid coverage for Pap smears to detect cervical and uterine cancers. COLLINS has also continuously authored a resolution that designates October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Her concern for women extends beyond health care. She pressured colleges to follow the requirements of title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 when she chaired the Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness. The result has been a dramatic increase in the participation of women in sports, as evidenced by the number of American women participants this year in the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.

CARDISS has been especially concerned about the fate of our country's children. She is responsible for increasing the funding and research into minority health issues and establishing the National Institutes of Health's Office on Minority Health. Representative COLLINS was the force behind the Child Abuse Prevention Act, which resulted in the training of teachers in child abuse prevention. Additionally, CARDISS increased child safety by enacting legislation that requires warning labels on toys with small parts and standards for bicycle helmets.

CARDISS has also focused her energy on increasing diversity in advertising. The lack of a presence of African-Americans sparked her to introduce several bills to strike more of a balance throughout this medium. She worked tirelessly to ensure that privately owned firms and the Federal Government did not discriminate against minority owned agencies.

The Congressional Black Caucus is the strong organization it is today, due, in part, to the leadership Representative COLLINS showed when she chaired the Caucus. She also chaired the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation for two terms, beginning in 1994. She was an important member to both bodies, and they miss her contributions.

I will miss CARDISS' intelligence and insight which she has shared throughout the years we spent in Congress. I know she will spend many fulfilling years with her son and granddaughter. I am honored to have served with her and I wish her continued success and happiness.

CONGRESSWOMAN CARDISS COLLINS HONORED

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 1996

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and neighbor, Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS, who will be leaving the house after 24 years of very distinguished service.

CARDISS COLLINS has been an exemplary Member and a true Democrat. She has fought long and hard to improve health care for women and minorities and to improve diversity in advertising.

Thanks to her work making sure female college athletes are treated fairly in our Nation's colleges and universities, CARDISS was inducted into the Women and Girls' Sports Hall of Fame.

And that is just one of her many awards, distinctions, and honorary degrees.

I had the great pleasure of working with CARDISS on an issue that we both believe is very important—the issue of cigarette-caused fires and how to stop them. CARDISS and I worked together for years to promote fire-safe cigarettes and considering the powerful companies we've been up against, I believe we have made great strides.

CARDISS has also been ahead of her times in terms of fighting for airline safety. It is tragic that it took this year's airline accidents to bring other people around to her point of view.

At a time when it cannot have been easy to be an African-American woman in Congress, CARDISS has made tremendous strides on behalf of women and minorities.

I hope very much that her tenure as longest serving African-American woman in the Congress, will serve as an inspiration to young people, particularly people of color, as they consider their careers. She is indeed a wonderful role model for all young people.

The seventh Congressional District of Illinois is lucky to have had her as its representative and we are lucky to have had her as our colleague.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE PAT SCHROEDER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 1996

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Congresswoman SCHROEDER farewell. She will be retiring at the end of this session, but she will not soon be forgotten in Washington.

For the last 16 years, I have had the good fortune to sit next to Pat on the National Security Committee. She has worked hard during her time in Congress, and not only in this committee. She gives everything 100 percent of her time and attention.

During the time that I have known her, I have had the opportunity to meet her wonderful family. I know them well and have enjoyed our association. I wish them all good luck in the future.

HONORING PAT SCHROEDER

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 1996

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly great Member of Congress, my classmate PAT SCHROEDER.

PAT and I joined the House of Representatives together in 1973, and ever since that time I have watched her impressive accomplishments with great respect.

I only regret that I never got to see her chair the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property because I know if she ever did she'd do a wonderful job.

During her 24 years in Congress PAT has been an outspoken and extremely effective advocate for children, women, and families.

She never lost her sense of joy and honor in serving in the most respected legislative body in the world, and it infected everyone around her. Even people who disagreed with her politically recognized her profound dedication to this country.

PAT has been a true Colorado pioneer—she is the longest serving woman in the U.S. House, and a former candidate for Vice President of the United States. She has set a great example and been a great inspiration for young women throughout the United States for many many years.

Despite her impressive tenure, PAT leaves here as spunky and optimistic as when we first started, but she will certainly be leaving this place a quieter, a bit less feisty, and bit less family friendly.

I am honored to have served with her and I will miss her very much.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE PATRICIA SCHROEDER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 1996

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our distinguished colleague, PATRICIA SCHROEDER. PAT is retiring at the end of